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SUBJECT: Recruiting of Personnel in Taiwan for US Intelligence Activities
In Korea

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TO: Air (Major General) LAI, Ming-tai
Supreme G-2
Ministry of National Defense
Republic of China

1. As requested by your representatives in conference on 10 April 1954 a complete recapitulation of the various points of the program for the recruitment and utilization of Chinese personnel for US intelligence activities in Korea, as presented in various memoranda and in conferences between representatives of the Far East Command and your office, and generally agreed upon by those parties, is furnished herewith.
2. The combined US-Chinese program will be entitled "Special Anti-Communist Reconnaissance Unit". Unclassified code word: SACRU.
3. The Chinese government will make available to SACRU, personnel who volunteer for this type of duty. The US will have the right to screen all qualified.
4. a. A representative of the Chinese government will be assigned to SACRU. This representative will be responsible for administrative and disciplinary actions affecting Chinese personnel. Administrative and disciplinary control of US personnel is the prerogative of the US commander.
b. The above mentioned representative, hereafter referred to as the senior representative, will be authorized the following assistants: one (1) administrative assistant, one (1) interpreter-translator. These assistants will be provided by the Chinese government.
c. As a further aid in operations and administration there will be one (1) group leader and one (1) to three (3) instructors with each SACRU subgroup. These additional assistants will likewise be provided by the Chinese government.
5. The training of SACRU personnel will be conducted in South Korea under US control.

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6. The US will be responsible for quarters, food, clothing, equipment medical care, pay or allowances, operational expenses and transportation for SACRU personnel.

7. The US will provide all communication facilities. SACRU correspondence, reports and communications will be sent by courier aircraft to AFPE where it will be placed in U.S. military pouch for transmittal to USARMA, Taipei for delivery to MND. In cases of emergency US teletype and radio facilities will be available for contact with MND thru USARMA and vice versa.

8. All SACRU personnel will be documented as civilians employed by the US Army while serving in Korea.

9. All control of SACRU personnel through or by the Senior Representative and group leaders will be that required and expected of civilian specialists employed to assist US personnel in the execution of a mission.

10. Group leaders and instructors may be relieved for cause at any time by the US Commander. The senior representative will be advised of such relief and furnished a factual report of the circumstances requiring such action. Appropriate administrative and or disciplinary action will then be taken by the senior representative.

11. Over-all operational control of SACRU is the responsibility of the US Commander. However, all operations will be closely coordinated between the US Commander and the Senior Representative.

12. Information collected will be made available to both sides. Original debriefing reports in English language, authenticated by the Senior Representative as being full and complete reports, will be forwarded to MND thru USARMA. In addition, the information collected thru SACRU will be collated each day SACRU reports are received and forwarded thru USARMA to MND. Knowledge of this dissemination procedure will be limited to the Senior Representative.

13. Term of service. a. All personnel will serve a minimum of six (6) months and a maximum of nine (9) months, exclusive of training and travel time. Also, time lost as a result of surgery for the removal of tattoos will not be counted as a portion of the term of service.

b. Four weeks prior to the time of expiration of each individuals term of service he may apply in writing for an extension of his period of service. This request must be approved by the US commander and the senior representative before it is effective.

14. Medical Service - All personnel will be provided adequate dental and medical service while serving in Korea.

15. Quarters and Messing Facilities - Quarters, mess facilities and rations will be furnished by the US.

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16. Recreation. a. Movies, games and athletic equipment will be provided by the US.

b. Overnight passes from the group areas will not be granted at any time.

c. All other off duty passes may be granted in accordance with current rules and restrictions imposed by the US Commander.

17. Clothing - Uniforms will be issued to all personnel. They will be that normally worn, with season changes, by US personnel.

18. Equipment - All equipment necessary for accomplishment of the mission assigned to SACRU will be furnished by the US.

19. Post Exchange Facilities. a. US Post Exchanges are off limits to all SACRU Personnel.

b. Post exchange items will be made available for purchase by SACRU personnel through the US Commander.

20. Weapons - Weapons will be made available to SACRU personnel for a particular mission. At no other time will personnel be allowed to have weapons in their possession. Exceptions to this rule may be made in the event of emergency, but only upon the orders of the US commander.

21. Transportation. a. Air, Rail and Motor vehicle transportation will be furnished as required; however, only a US military driver will be permitted to operate a vehicle. No vehicles will be placed at the disposal of individuals for personal reasons.

b. Transportation for official business will be made available to the Senior Representative on request.

22. a. Except as noted in paragraph 23 (a) (b) and (c) all personnel while serving in Korea will be paid only base pay. This amounts to US \$25.00 monthly. Payment of base pay will be made in military payment certificates. Any exchange of such certificates for South Korean Hwan will be accomplished by US personnel. SACRU personnel will receive South Korean Hwan at the prevailing market rates. This restriction is imposed to prevent SACRU personnel from being arrested by US or ROK police officials for illegal black market transactions.

b. Base pay commences on the date of acceptance of SACRU personnel for US intelligence activities by FEC representatives.

c. Bonus pay can be earned by performance of missions and collection of information. Through satisfactory performance of missions and the reporting of high quality information collected on such missions, personnel can earn as much as an additional US \$125.00 per month. The amount of bonus earned by each individual will be determined by the US Commander. A minimum payment of US \$50.00 per completed mission is guaranteed.

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d. All monies over and above base pay earned by SACRU personnel during their service in Korea will be held in trust by the US until such time as they return to Taiwan. At that time payment will be made in either US or NT dollars at the discretion of the Chinese government.

e. One exception to the above paragraph may be made. In the event an individual has bona-fide dependents in Taiwan arrangements can be effected by the US to transmit funds earned by SACRU personnel thru USARMA to MND for disbursement to dependents for their support.

f. Payment of Base Pay - The US sub-group commander will make payment of the prescribed base pay at the end of each thirty (30) day period. This payment will be witnessed by one of the following three SACRU staff personnel: (1) Senior Representative (2) Administrative Assistant (3) Interpreter Translator. At the conclusion of payment of each group the US officer will sign the pay-roll as Paying Officer, the SACRU staff member will sign the pay-roll as witnessing officer.

g. Records of balances accrued will be made available for inspection by each individual immediately following the monthly payment described above. Any errors must be corrected or adjusted at that time. Each individual who inspects his pay account will, after satisfying himself as to its correctness, sign same to certify that he has inspected it on that date and found it correct.

h. In the event any person refuses to perform a mission the US will furnish that individual only food, quarters, clothing and medical care until such time as transportation is available for his return to Taiwan. The US commander and the Senior Representative will be immediately notified by the sub-group commander concerned of any such refusals.

23. Allowances for the Senior Representative, SACRU staff and overhead personnel:

a. Senior Representative - US \$150.00 per month payable in Military Payment Certificates. He may draw any such lesser amount desired. Any balance accruing to this individual will be paid on his return to Taiwan in the same manner as payments to other SACRU personnel.

b. Administrative Assistant - US \$125.00 per month payable in Military Payment Certificates. He may draw any such lesser amount desired. Any balance accruing to this individual will be paid on his return to Taiwan in the same manner as payments to other SACRU personnel.

c. Interpreter/Translator - US \$125.00 per month payable in Military Payment Certificates. He may draw any such lesser amount desired. Any balance accruing to this individual will be paid on his return to Taiwan in the same manner as payments to other SACRU personnel.

d. Group Leader - US \$125.00 per month. US \$25.00 per month payable in Military Payment Certificates. Balance accruing to these individuals will be paid on their return to Taiwan in the same manner as payments to other SACRU personnel.

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e. Instructor - US \$100.00 per month. US \$25.00 per month payable in Military Payment Certificates. Balance accruing to these individuals will be paid on their return to Taiwan in the same manner as payments to other SACRU personnel.

f. Documentation Specialist - US \$125.00 per month. US \$25.00 per month payable in Military Payment Certificates. Balance accruing to this individual will be paid on his return to Taiwan in the same manner as payments made to other SACRU personnel.

24. Gratuities - In the event SACRU personnel are killed in action, a sum of US \$500.00 will be paid to the next of kin or designated beneficiary in Taiwan, but specifically, not to include Communist areas. If an individual is listed as missing in action, such payment will be made after a period of ninety (90) days has elapsed following his being so listed. Should an individual return from Missing in Action status, any gratuity paid will be recovered by deduction from his monthly earnings. Total disability as a result of wounds or injuries incurred while serving with this project will be cause for a like payment of US \$500.00, provided such wounds or injuries are not the result of an individuals own misconduct. Total disability is defined as complete inability to earn a living.

25. Chinese personnel currently in Korea who are in the same category as the ninety-two previously returned to Taiwan will be integrated into this project under the same rules and conditions applicable to all other SACRU personnel.

26. The following procedures will be followed in SACRU operations:

a. Upon receipt of directive requiring SACRU to mount a mission for the collection of information the US Commander and the Senior Representative will, thru combined efforts, determine which SACRU group has the capability to secure the desired information. As a matter of record the US commander always has the final decision in operational matters.

b. The US commander will then prepare a written directive to the group or groups selected for the mission setting forth all essential information needed by the selected group, commander to plan the mission. The senior representative will receive a copy of this order.

c. Upon the receipt of operations order the US officer in charge of the group, working in conjunction with his group leader, will select, equip, brief and dispatch the necessary personnel to secure the information required.

d. Upon the agents return from their mission, the US officer in charge and the group leader will supervise the debriefing of the agents, prepare the debriefing report from notes taken at the debriefing. Both the US Officer and the group leader will sign the completed debriefing report and forward it to SACRU headquarters.

e. Upon receipt of the report at SACRU headquarters it will be reviewed by the US commander and the Senior Representative. The necessary copies will be prepared and the original report returned to the Senior Representative for authentication before transmittal through prescribed channels of communication.

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tion to USARMA for delivery to MND.

27. The foregoing represents the general framework believed necessary to initiate the SACRU combined project. It is recognized that no single letter can cover all the details of organization and relationships. Further, it is considered desirable to allow a degree of latitude or freedom to both the US Commander and the Senior Representative in organization, assignment of personnel and operational methods.

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